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### RAINY DAY DRIVING TIPS FROM CALTRANS

**Eureka** – Caltrans wants to remind motorists to turn on headlights when driving in the rain. Use your headlights when using the windshield wipers continuously due to the weather and also when conditions (i.e., fog or darkness) prevent you from seeing a person or another vehicle from a distance of 1,000 feet. Using your headlights helps other drivers see you. It's not only a good idea, in fact it's the law. The headlight law, California Vehicle Code 24400, went into effect July 1, 2005.

Other tips for safer driving in the rain include reducing speed and allowing more distance between you and the car ahead of you. Use extra caution during the first 30 to 60 minutes of a rainstorm, as this is when the road is especially slick. Remember, it takes longer to stop on a wet road.

For more information about driving in inclement weather, please call 707-441-3998 or visit <http://dot.ca.gov/hq/roadinfo/wntdriv.htm>. It is a good idea to check road conditions before you head out the door. For the latest road condition information for California highways, call 1-800-GAS-ROAD (1-800-427-7623).

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